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Comments on OTR Area Training Courses

1. Since the last review of OTR area training courses in January 1958, only two analysts from the Industrial Division have taken any of these courses. There are, therefore, very few comments that can be added to those contained in our 30 January 1958 memo on this subject.
2. The analyst who took the Integrated Language/Area Study, USSR course considers it to be a superior one in terms of its objectives, the material used, caliber of instruction, etc. Perhaps similar integrated courses for other Bloc areas could be designed.
3. The second D/I analyst took the Basic Survey course for Hungary and although the course was interesting and informative, it offered little of direct value to an economic analyst. Perhaps future presentations in surveys of this type could be oriented more toward the economic/industrial aspect of the area and less toward the sociological/political.
4. It is not anticipated that enrollment of D/I analysts in OTR area training courses will increase markedly in the coming year. As analysts develop the necessary speaking and writing fluency in Russian to qualify them for the Integrated Language/Area Study, USSR course, they will be encouraged to enroll.

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